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ULTRA MEGA POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ultra mega power projects plan is heading for a serious trouble as some projects appear to have been tripped midway;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Indian Navy has raised any objections to the location of ultra mega power projects in some States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to resolve the issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : No, Sir. Central Electricity Authority has identified nine sites for development of coal based ultra mega power projects (UMPs) of about 4000 MW capacity each under tariff based competitive bidding. Out of the nine sites 4 are pithead sites and remaining 5 are at coastal locations. The names of the sites are as under:

(i) Sasan (Madhya Pradesh)

(ii) Mundra (Gujarat)

(iii) Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)

(iv) Tilaiya (Jharkhand)

(v) Girye (Maharasthra)

(vi) Tadri (Karnataka)

(vii) Cheyyur (Tamil Nadu)

(viii) Sundergarh District, Orissa

(ix) Akaltara, Chhattisgarh

Out of the above mentioned sites bidding process in respect of first two sites, that is Sasan (Madhya Pradesh) and Mundra (Gujarat) has been completed. In addition to these, bidding process in respect of Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) and Tilaiya (Jharkhand) has been initiated. Bidding process in respect of remaining five sites is contingent upon the requisite clearances from the State authorities. Ministry of Power has written to concerned State Governments to provide the requisite clearances/examine the feasibility of alternate sites for development of Ultra Mega Power Projects in the respective States.

As per report received from the Power Finance Corporation (the nodal agency for the UMPP initiative), no objection from Indian Navy have been received in respect of any of the proposed UMPPs.